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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

#### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—																
August	8,754	8,161	19,135	39.9	9,796	8,817	42,398	35,621	736	717	570	537	37.0	36.1	344	316
September	8,040	7,176		36.8	8,471	8,317	33,827	31,337	544	566	478	486	35.9	32.5	363	283
October	10,223	8,537		37.5	8,572	8,669	34,962	35,621	567	558	623	592	30.6	26.9	385	327
November	8,160	7,260	21,562	36.4	8,150	8,703	33,480	34,740	510	542	519	489	40.6	36.5	311	268
December	5,765	7,534		32.0	8,168	8,745	32,445	37,476	564	558	499	517	37.0	39.6	267	249
January	1,429	1,921		28.5	8,166	8,915	30,702	37,662	631	565	351	499	12.3	37.1	164	389
February	8,805	8,747	23,448	42.1	7,903	8,883	30,373	37,154	497	555	467	500	34.4	35.2	287	310
March	11,026	9,588		43.8	8,606	8,772	31,414	34,642	661	631	519	501	43.3	38.0	319	296
April	8,254	9,048		36.1	8,070	8,686	31,251	34,421	601	612	523	512	32.6	36.0	270	314
May	10,099	9,319	22,091	42.1	8,694	8,429	40,386	37,846	655	635	555	524	39.9	36.2	191	217
June	10,784	10,142		47.5	9,624	8,981	43,343	35,862	592	630	497	501	41.4	38.1	241	245
1982-83—																
July	9,778	10,308		(c) 39.8	10,476	9,026	45,770	36,791	606	590	539	494	41.8	38.4	220	210
August	9,827	9,002	n y a	30.3	9,296	8,365	40,776	34,036	561	539	473	440	41.2	38.4	252	228
September	9,642	8,702		n y a	9,162	8,970	37,766	35,239	368	388	463	472	36.5	32.7	282	218
October	n y a	n y a		n y a	9,053	9,221	34,176	34,753	372	372	479	459	n y a	n y a	282	243

(a) Gross mine output (b) Metallic contents of mine products (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state (e) Estimate

## PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a)		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m(a)		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing (1975=100)	Whole milk intake (b) million litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts received by brokers(d)	% of total received by brokers(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—															
August	5,230	4,765	956	1,028	12,287	11,433	168	175	319.8	414	413	67,982	82.3	30,548	30,497
September	5,118	4,457	1,118	1,020	12,083	11,059	190	172	321.2	570	424	105,627	83.4		
October	5,919	4,725	1,119	986	11,185	9,567	205	182	322.6	692	443	106,676	82.2		
November	4,042	4,079	1,205	1,030	11,711	11,224	169	168	324.0	669	431	86,230	77.8	31,242	31,220
December	4,015	4,601	953	953	9,515	11,153	184	191	325.0	616	434	55,778	76.2		
January	1,908	4,420	549	1,073	4,224	11,406	179	195	327.6	503	433	33,652	79.0		
February	4,296	4,548	807	856	10,414	10,763	195	218	332.6	308	434	37,399	76.1		
March	4,791	4,741	1,016	842	12,661	11,763	221	207	335.9	318	426	45,453	75.7	32,362	32,417
April	4,228	4,588	816	852	9,863	10,711	197	208	338.1	281	453	38,489	78.3		
May	4,276	4,414	756	873	10,764	10,072	207	206	340.3	240	483	36,584	81.9		
June	4,049	3,807	808	899	11,623	9,917	214	219	343.2	226	458	27,787	76.2	32,996	33,020
1982-83—															
July	3,519	2,833	837	847	12,171	10,456	226	227	346.4	292	454	46,811	81.9		
August	3,095	2,884	835	839	10,818	9,920	191	197	350.2	455	447	76,585	82.1	n y a	n y a
September	3,265	2,778	842	801	10,124	9,163	241	217	353.4	617	465	100,509	82.4		
October	3,266	2,612	994	894	11,302	10,005	204	187	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a		

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodities classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629/0.

## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1981-82—					186	-794	312	4,495
September	1,497	1,846			185	-987	814	4,527
October	1,551	2,007	n y a	n y a	185	-714	543	4,156
November	1,505	1,813			184	-541	722	4,360
December	1,421	1,624			185	-737	330	3,912
January	1,557	1,751	n y a	n y a	186	-689	731	3,942
February	1,683	1,931			187	-926	1,351	4,065
March	1,716	2,158			189	-664	2,042	5,204
April	1,814	1,904	n y a	n y a	193	-763	1,951	6,301
May	1,817	2,225			195	-770	1,005	6,517
June	1,835	2,030						
1982-83—					195	-664	459	6,770
July	2,010	2,085	n y a	n y a	198	-629	382	6,711
August	1,818	2,048			190	-713	1,681	8,396
September	1,757	1,857			190	-820	1,287	8,888
October	1,906	2,079			n y a			

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month

## INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales <sup>(a)</sup>		Food and drink		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture		Other <sup>(b)</sup>		New motor cars and station wagons registered <sup>(c)</sup> (000)		Other new motor vehicles registered <sup>(c)</sup> (000)		Installment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding <sup>(d)</sup>	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.													
	\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	\$m	
1981-82—														
September	2,937	3,030							37.9	37.6	12.5	12.5	3,475	
October	3,057	3,025							35.4	35.6	11.5	11.6	3,524	
November	3,053	3,035	4,831	4,506	3,597	3,074	1,904	1,602	37.5	39.0	11.3	11.6	3,570	
December	4,222	3,106							41.0	40.0	12.5	13.1	3,628	
January	2,918	3,128							33.6	41.8	10.2	13.0	3,646	
February	2,737	3,132	4,498	4,425	2,718	3,156	1,488	1,609	33.4	36.2	11.6	12.4	3,669	
March	3,079	3,150							44.1	41.3	15.3	14.0	3,723	
April	(e)3,137	(e)3,221	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	38.0	39.3	12.1	12.7	3,758	
May	(e)3,215	(e)3,198							41.2	40.6	12.8	12.3	3,817	
June	(e)3,100	(e)3,253							44.2	41.1	15.0	12.8	3,882	
1982-83—														
July	(e)3,195	(e)3,260	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	41.9	38.0	13.6	12.1	3,941	
August	(e)3,086	(e)3,233							43.8	41.2	12.7	12.9	3,964	
September	(e)3,174	3,253							39.3	39.1	11.3	11.3	7,960	
October	n y a	n y a							36.5	38.4	11.4	11.9	n y a	

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: July \$180m; August \$174m; September \$172m. (e) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$)(a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males(b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, Weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100.0(d)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(e)
1981-82—			723.5										
September			727.1										
October	299.40	197.30	740.0	1.57	109.9	108.1	106.9	109.7	109.2	110.0	107.6	128.2	109.4
November			765.4										
December			773.2										
January	316.00	207.10	780.0	1.48	111.8	109.1	107.4	112.2	112.0	111.3	110.4	131.2	100.0
February			784.1										
March			787.4										
April	326.00	215.50	790.9	1.45	114.5	110.7	110.0	115.9	115.6	114.7	112.9	134.5	101.2
May			805.9										
June													
1982-83—			816.3										
July	331.70	221.80	820.5	1.26	118.5	114.0	111.2	118.9	119.1	121.1	118.0	143.1	103.3
August			830.5										
September			n.y.a.										
October			n.y.a.										

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employees. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0) and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. (c) Excludes rural. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see *August issue of Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (e) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (f) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals (\$m)		Building approvals dwellings (000 units)		Government building approved (\$m)	Building commenced total (\$m)		Dwellings commenced (as 1000 units)		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/d)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in building (h)	Materials used in other than housing building (i)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—															
September	1,267.1	1,207.6	15.5	12.8	118.7	2,596.8	2,743.6	35.8	37.9	368.4	120.6				
October	915.1	894.4	13.4	12.7	70.3					366.9	121.3				
November	795.9	742.9	12.5	12.0	71.2					370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,152.8	3,008.0	2,869.8
December	977.8	1,003.0	11.2	11.4	209.5					172.1	122.8				
January	715.1	942.4	9.4	11.8	112.0					176.3	125.0				
February	744.2	851.5	9.4	11.3	103.2	2,512.0	2,554.9	27.5	27.4	163.1	125.6	1,069.1	1,261.6	2,497.5	2,880.2
March	970.1	854.6	12.2	10.8	87.1					380.5	129.8				
April	766.2	811.1	10.3	10.6	80.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	392.6	131.0				
May	877.5	817.2	10.1	10.0	104.0					395.6	132.0	1,365.7	1,322.2	3,306.5	3,024.2
June	943.7	839.1	10.2	9.1	135.9					133.8					
1982-83—															
July	861.0	844.1	10.2	10.3	110.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	402.6	135.7				
August	702.2	772.6	9.6	9.1	123.4					p405.2	137.0	p1369.1	p1412.8	p2,644.3	p2,666.5
September	725.5	889.0	9.3	9.0	108.3					p407.8	p138.1				
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					n.y.a.	p138.8				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled *Changes in Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

# FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) — \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new monies raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Original	Seas adj	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m		Other lenders (e) \$m			
			Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj		\$m	\$m				
1981-82—													
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,443	20,422	24,753	357	156	112	14.60		2,625
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,866	20,564	25,048	309	154	107	14.60		2,699
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	27,678	20,822	20,623	25,433	308	174	110	14.50	818.5	3,752
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,080	20,864	25,814	316	164	102	14.50		2,779
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,161	21,308	25,787	305	147	87	14.65		3,570
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,074	21,484	26,036	322	165	93	14.95	398.9	3,506
March	24,458	24,529	28,862	27,556	21,486	21,838	26,416	379	194	112	15.20		3,862
April	24,242	24,643	29,278	28,708	22,348	22,300	26,786	282	146	98	15.60		5,427
May	24,550	24,836	29,652	30,241	22,382	22,178	27,170	309	127	105	16.40	624.5	5,340
June	25,047	25,036	29,457	30,285	22,119	22,253	27,587	350	118	100	16.40		4,154
1982-83—													
July	24,975	25,007	29,569	30,951	22,569	22,508	28,000	307	110	95	16.40		3,272
August	25,266	25,198	29,858	30,890	22,639	22,681	28,206	328	114	84	16.60	n.y.a.	4,032
September	25,344	25,257	30,624	31,075	22,809	22,764	28,659	369	110	87	15.20		3,019
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30,614	30,732	23,141	22,815	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.40		n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614 0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

# NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1980-81— June	32,828	34,357	949	1,738	31,879	32,619	20,321	20,480	5,972	5,782	6,236	5,857	3,022	2,596
1981-82— September	35,365	35,788	1,346	1,943	34,017	33,845	21,196	21,289	6,102	6,173	6,173	6,271	2,522	2,739
December	40,700	36,346	3,915	1,887	36,785	34,459	23,264	22,015	6,591	6,350	7,619	7,241	2,052	1,987
March	35,193	37,367	1,361	1,793	33,832	35,574	21,626	22,648	5,785	6,145	5,930	6,616	2,457	2,781
June	37,452	39,289	790	1,823	36,662	37,466	23,276	23,459	7,016	6,794	7,024	6,584	3,386	2,901
1982-83— September	39,207	39,736	1,445	1,726	37,762	38,010	24,033	24,119	6,616	6,694	6,320	6,428	3,202	3,484
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1980-81— June	28,879	30,170	973	1,661	27,906	28,509	18,067	18,173	5,126	5,126	5,441	5,116	2,592	2,225
1981-82— September	30,274	30,739	1,404	1,922	28,870	28,817	18,433	18,508	5,127	5,127	5,312	5,391	2,114	2,297
December	34,291	30,450	3,667	1,867	30,624	28,583	19,668	18,632	5,284	5,284	6,389	6,062	1,666	1,611
March	28,685	30,588	1,499	1,962	27,186	28,626	17,923	18,787	4,652	4,652	4,778	5,343	1,931	2,189
June	29,479	30,914	1,110	2,005	28,369	28,909	18,843	18,956	5,315	5,315	5,485	5,144	2,560	2,193
1982-83— September	30,326	30,738	1,803	1,903	28,523	28,835	18,774	18,844	4,963	4,963	4,736	4,812	2,327	2,533
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm-unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1980-81— June	6,475	6,630	5,774	5,703	3,979	4,214	5,736	6,865	18,780	18,995	206	9,856	7,430	21,212
1981-82— September	6,939	6,854	5,460	5,619	4,520	4,515	6,945	7,408	19,677	19,499	584	8,851	4,543	24,569
December	6,795	6,770	5,346	5,202	5,044	4,346	10,022	7,401	21,014	19,997	3,015	10,591	4,623	29,997
March	7,296	7,244	5,783	5,848	3,473	3,934	6,739	7,570	20,065	21,038	507	8,912	6,271	23,213
June	7,548	7,738	6,115	6,066	4,072	4,327	6,510	8,006	21,743	21,882	-59	11,609	8,925	24,368
1982-83— September	7,476	7,387	6,184	6,367	3,915	3,910	8,036	8,121	22,499	22,787	564	10,065	5,648	27,480

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

## CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

## UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)

JOB  
VACANCIES  
(c) ('000)

Month	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (a) (b)						Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)
	Males		Females		Persons		Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							
1981-82—													
September	4,297.5	4,295.4	2,559.7	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,834.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1	36.7
October	4,249.4	4,275.2	2,527.4	2,533.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4	
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9	
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3	
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6	33.7
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4	
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	216.1	156.2	85.4	238.1	221.6	459.7	
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.5	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	210.2	153.1	72.8	227.2	209.0	436.2	
May	4,306.8	4,311.2	2,547.9	2,552.2	6,854.7	6,857.8	219.8	152.8	77.3	239.8	210.0	449.9	25.3
June	4,294.1	4,308.4	2,532.4	2,541.1	6,826.5	6,845.3	215.8	150.8	81.2	239.5	208.3	447.8	
1982-83—													
July	4,307.8	4,321.6	2,534.4	2,536.1	6,842.2	6,859.3	233.1	142.9	74.2	253.3	196.9	450.3	21.5
August	4,287.5	4,319.1	2,518.6	2,545.0	6,806.0	6,867.0	243.9	135.6	73.1	271.0	187.5	458.5	
September	4,352.9	4,350.6	2,567.1	2,544.0	6,920.0	6,896.4	r271.6	r149.1	r85.2	r293.7	r212.1	r505.9	
October	4,354.6	4,381.1	2,582.4	2,588.3	6,937.0	6,972.7	p286.6	p159.5	p93.1	p307.6	p231.7	p539.2	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
( '000)

Month	Civilian employees											Defence Forces(b)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territories		Local		Total		Persons		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females			
1981—													
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4
1982—													
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3
March	276.1	128.3	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.8	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9
April	275.6	128.7	579.9	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.5	1,555.8	73.4	1,629.2
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	421.8	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	585.8	1,554.5	73.3	1,627.8
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	426.9	7.6	6.6	104.5	28.9	969.0	589.9	1,558.9	73.2	1,632.1
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.1	7.5	6.5	104.2	29.0	966.8	589.8	1,556.6	73.2	1,629.8
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	427.5	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	591.4	1,558.4	73.1	1,631.5
September	275.0	129.6	580.5	428.2	7.5	6.3	104.1	29.2	967.2	593.4	1,560.5	73.0	1,633.5

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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